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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, GV, KN, KS
SUBJECT: GUINEAN-SOUTH KOREAN RELATIONS

REF: CONAKRY 0529 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: ROK DELEGATION SIGNED PROCES-VERBAL WITH
GOG STATE COMMITTEE MARCH 16 NAILING DOWN GOG PERMISSION FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF ROK EMBASSY IN CONAKRY "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"
("DANS LE MEILLEUR DELAI"). END SUMMARY

2. ACCORDING TO YOUNG-CHAN LO (DIRECTOR-GENERAL,
AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS, ROK MFA, AND DELEGATION
HEAD), MOST OF VISIT MARCH 13-17 WAS TAKEN UP WITH DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH ISMAEL TOURE (ECONOMIC-FINANCE DOMAIN
MINISTER, PRESIDENT'S HALF-BROTHER) AND HIS STATE
COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION WITH ASIAN COUNTRIES.
TOURE HELD OUT INITIALLY AGAINST FULL ROK EMBASSY
REPRESENTATION AND SUGGESTED MERE COMMERCIAL
REPRESENTATION INSTEAD. ROK DEL INSISTED HOWEVER THAT
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ESTABLISHMENT
OF "DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" ON
JANUARY 6 HAD MEANT EMBASSY-LEVEL PRESENCE AND
TOURE FINALLY ACCEPTED THIS OFFICIALLY ON BEHALF GOG.

3. IN
ADDITION TO LO, ROK DEL INCLUDED HUH YEUNG,

DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC COOPERATION DIVISION, MFA;
NAM CHA HWANG, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF EUROPEAN
AFFAIRS; ANOTHER MFA OFFICIAL; AND FOUR OFFICERS OF
DAEWOO CO (SIC), A KOREAN INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATE.
LO SAID ROK DEL HAD "EXPRESSED INTEREST" TO GOG IN
BAUXITE AND IRON MINING VENTURES IN GUINEA; PROCES-
VERBAL HOWEVER DID NOT GO INTO SPECIFICS BUT
CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE.

4. LO SAID KOREAN FISHING COMPANY (OYANG?) BASED IN
LAS PALMAS SIGNED FISHING ACCORD WITH GOG LATE LAST
YEAR, OBTAINED GOG LICENSES IN FEBRUARY FOR 13 BOATS
TO OPERATE IN GUINEAN WATERS, AND HAS ALREADY UNLOADED
FIRST SHARE OF CATCH AT CONAKRY. CONTRACT INCLUDES
TRAINING OF GUINEAN FISHERMEN, PAYMENT OF CERTAIN
ROYALTIES, AND SHARING A PERCENTAGE OF CATCH.

5. ROK DEL NOTED PRESENCE OF NORTH KOREAN DEL ALSO
IN CONAKRY SINCE EARLY MARCH. NORTH KOREANS ALLEGEDLY
SIGNED THEIR OWN PROTOCOL WITH ISMAEL TOURE,
CONTENTS UNKNOWN. (TOURE HAD REPORTEDLY PUT NORTH
KOREANS ON NOTICE EARLIER THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO
PROVIDE GUINEA WITH MORE SUBSTANTIAL AID THAN JUST IDEOLOGICAL
PHRASES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN POSITION WITH GOG.

6. ACTION SEOUL: LO REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY SEOUL
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PASS TO ROK MFA ESSENCE OF SUCCESSFUL MARCH 16
PROCES-VERBAL (ABOVE) BECAUSE DEL HAS NO ASSURED
COMMUNICATIONS ITSELF.
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